

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
THE MARITIME LABOR BOARD, 1939

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAR-
ITIME LABOR BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939, AMOUNTING
TO \$30,000

FEBRUARY 16, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered
to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 16, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Maritime Labor Board for the fiscal year 1939, amounting to \$30,000.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 15, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Maritime Labor Board, amounting to \$30,000, for the fiscal year 1939, as follows:

MARITIME LABOR BOARD

Salaries and expenses, Maritime Labor Board: For an additional amount for salaries and expenses of the Maritime Labor Board, fiscal year 1939, including the same objects and under the same limitations specified under this head in the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1938, \$30,000 (*52 Stat. 967-969, 1117*).

The establishment of a Maritime Labor Board was authorized in the amendments to the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 which were approved on June 23, 1938. Funds for the operation of the Board were appropriated in the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1938, in the amount of \$75,000. At the time this appropriation was under consideration it was felt that during the fiscal year 1939 very few, if any, requests would be made on the Board for the mediation of labor disputes and that the time of the Board and its employees would be devoted primarily to the preparation of its report on a permanent plan for the adjustment of maritime labor disputes. It appears, however, that contrary to this belief numerous requests have been made on the Board for assistance in the making of agreements between employers and employees, to interpret provisions of agreements already in existence, and to act as mediator in cases where the interested parties failed to arrive at an agreement.

The additional \$30,000 for salaries and expenses will enable the Board to meet its mediation program and to make progress in the preparation of its report on a permanent plan for the adjustment of maritime labor disputes.

The foregoing supplemental estimate of appropriation is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the original estimate for the Maritime Labor Board, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

F. J. BAILEY,
Executive Assistant

(For and in the absence of the Acting Director of the
Bureau of the Budget.)

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